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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the cited art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application. An English abstract for the German patent disclosure is also submitted.

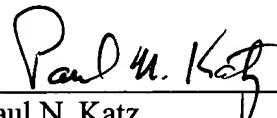
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4	"Media Oriented Synchronous Transfer – A Network Protocol for High Quality, Low Cost Transfer of Synchronous, Asynchronous, and Control Data on Fiber Optic"; Patrick Heck et al.					9/1997
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